

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12-13, and 22-23 remain pending in the application including independent claim 1. Claims 2-11, 14-21, and 24-25 have been cancelled. New dependent claims 26-33 have been added.

Claims 1, 12-13, and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 1169218. This rejection fails for several reasons. DE '218 does not disclose a support pivotally mounted at an angle relative to a rotatable brake member. DE '218 also does not disclose an adjustable member biasing the support toward the rotatable brake member. The examiner argues that element 27 biases the support 17, 19 toward the rotor 3; however the spring appears to bias the support away from the rotor. The examiner refers to page 3 of the "translation" for support for the rejection; however, the translation is incomprehensible. If the examiner continues to apply this reference, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner have it properly translated.

Further, DE '218 does not disclose a friction member that is pivotally mounted relative to the support and slideable along the support between engaged and disengaged positions with the rotatable brake member to generate a braking force between the friction member and the rotatable brake member, wherein the angle of the support is variable for controlling a self-energizing gain in the braking force. The examiner argues that friction member 23, 25 is pivotally mounted relative to the support 17, 19 but this does not make sense as these elements are all attached to each other to form a linkage assembly.

Further, the examiner argues that the friction member 23, 25 is slideable in a rotational manner along the support. Being pivotable/rotatable does not make the friction member slideable along the support. The examiner has argued that the support comprises elements 17, 19 and that the friction member is 23, 25. These elements are all fixed to each other, as such element 25 is not "slideable" along element 19 as these elements move together as a single unit.

Further, claim 1 recites that the angle of the support is variable to control self-energizing gain. Applicant fails to see how elements 17, 19 operate to vary an angle of the support for controlling self-energizing gain. Also, the "translation" offers no comprehensible explanation as to this feature.

Thus, for the many reasons set forth above, claims 1, 12-13, and 22-23 are not anticipated by DE '218. For similar reasons new dependent claims 26-33 are also not anticipated by DE '218.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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